

City of San Diego
Clean Syringe Exchange Program Facilitation Committee
September 16, 2004

12:00 p.m.
Civic Center Plaza
1200 Third Avenue, 9th Floor Conference Room
San Diego, CA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 12:20 p.m.

Members Present:

Cynthia Burke
Jim Dunford
Kathy Evans-Calderwood
Debra Fischle-Faulk
Mike Franz
Vicki Granowitz, Alternate for Michael Powers
Robert Lewis, Alternate for Fran Butler-Cohen
Linda Lloyd
Leslie Wade

Staff Present:

Lisa Foster
Staajabu Heshimu

Guests Present:

Joel Harrison
Jeanine Hillis
Adrian Kwiatkowski
Jeannette Lawrence
Chrystal Martinez
Monica Palaez
Jim Varnadore

2. Self-Introductions

Dr. Dunford asked for self-introductions of those present.

3. Continue Review/Refine Recommendations to City Council from September 2, 2004 Meeting

Jeanine Hillis of the City's Organizational Effectiveness Program facilitated the continued discussion. She again the described the process to be used: Committee members would look at each recommendation, find out what the person who made the recommendation meant, have discussion and then zone in on a final recommendation.

There was one question in the Operational Changes category that needed clarification. Otherwise, discussion centered on the recommendations in the two remaining categories – Program Siting/Location and Education/Outreach.

Staff will draft the report to Council and finalize the Ordinance for Committee review and comment at the next meeting.

4. Roundtable/Public Comment

Dr. Dunford thanked staff for the research on the Los Angeles needle exchange program, which had been sent to Committee members via email. He also reported that he had been in contact with Nancy Bowen, Chief Public Health Officer for the County of San Diego. Dr. Bowen expressed interest in looking at syringe exchange issues and the concept of linking County services with the City's exchange program but not, Dr. Dunford said, in having the County operate a needle exchange program.

Dr. Burke explained the handout staff distributed as a response to questions at the last meeting about how many syringes first-time and repeat clients brought in and received. She explained, of the 195 clients who only visited the CSEP one time, 105 did not turn in any syringes and received two in the initial harm reduction kit; the other 90 turned in from 1 to 10,000 (median = 15.5) syringes and received from 0 – 50 (median = 10). Of the 378 repeat clients, 181 turned in no syringes and received none; the other 197 turned in from 1 – 700 (median = 10) and received from 0 – 50 (median = 10).

Dr. Dunford was applauded for hosting lunch.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is October 7, 2004.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.